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PASSING OF CAPT LARRY J. DERMODY DC, USN (RET)

Shipmates, it is with deep regret that I inform you of the passing of Captain Larry J. Dermody, DC, USN (ret).

Captain Dermody was born in Mankato, Minnesota, on 22 September 1936, the son of Clifford and Ruth Dermody. He attended elementary school in Vernon Center, Minnesota. He had a diverse educational and employment history. Following graduation from high school in 1954 at Garden City, Minnesota, he completed infantry boot camp at Fort Leonard Wood, Missouri, and served two years enlisted service with the US Army Counter Intelligence Corps at Fort Meade, Maryland. Thereafter, he returned to college and received a Bachelor of Science degree in 1960 and a Doctor of Dental Surgery degree in 1962 from the University of Minnesota. Following two years of Navy service as a general dentist from 1962 to 1964 at Camp Pendleton, California, Captain Dermody entered civilian residency in Oral & Maxillofacial Surgery at the University of Southern California-Los Angeles County Medical Center from which he graduated in 1967. He then earned board certification as a Diplomate of the American Board of Oral and Maxillofacial Surgery.



Captain Dermody engaged in the private practice of Oral & Maxillofacial Surgery for 17 years in Sunnyvale, California. During this time, he also completed law school at night, earning a Juris Doctor degree and successfully passed the California Bar exam. He also worked as a real estate broker and as an attorney at law. He consulted as an expert witness in more than 100 civil litigations involving personal injury claims. Additionally, he completed pilot training as a private, commercial, instrument rated and multi-engine pilot. Upon his return to active duty in 1984, his military assignments were as an Oral & Maxillofacial Surgeon at Naples, Italy; Pensacola, Florida and aboard the USS John F. Kennedy (CV-67) during Operation Desert Shield and Desert Storm. Before moving to San Diego, he served as the Program Manager for Dental Quality Assurance, Risk Management and Credentialing & Privileging at the Bureau of Medicine and Surgery, Washington DC, which included service on the Navy Medical Inspector General Team as an augmentee for his area of expertise, which was QA, Risk Management, Credentialing and Infection Control. His next assignment was as the Branch Director at Naval Dental Clinic, Naval Air Station, North Island, California. He also served as an augmentee for pre-IG inspections with the San Diego Health Support Office. Subsequently, he became the Director of the Navy's largest dental clinic at Naval Station (32nd Street), San Diego, California. Thereafter, he became the Director of Clinical

Services, Naval Dental Center Southwest, San Diego, California, for 16 clinics, 4 annexes and 5 mobile dental vans serving the Navy throughout California and Nevada.

Captain Dermody's awards and decorations included the Meritorious Service Medal (two awards), Navy Commendation Medal (two awards), Navy Unit Commendation, Meritorious Unit Commendation, Army Good Conduct Medal and National Defense Service Ribbon (three awards).

Captain Dermody married the former Barbara Evenson of Lake Crystal, Minnesota in 1958. Barbara preceded him in death in 2016. They had three married children: Laura Wilson, Lieutenant Colonel Thomas Dermody, USAF (ret), and Commander David Dermody, USN, (ret). In addition, they had nine grandchildren. They made their retirement home in Las Vegas, NV.

Rest in Peace Captain Dermody.

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